(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The planning of different schemes and the expenditure to be incurred therefor has been reviewed keeping in vie$_w$ the budgetary allocation. As a result, developmental activities on 'he National Waterways are being step ped up. Action is also being taken to provide more manpower to enable the Authority to execute various program mes.

. (e) No financial assistance is presently being given by UNDP for the Inland Waterways Authority of India's projects.

(f) The various schemes, a$_s$ idetnified in - he po'icy strategy document of the rWAI for implementation, have been/are being taken up for execution, for making National Waterways No. 1 and 2 adequately, operational and for developing National Waterway No. 3 (declared in Feb-""iv 1993).

Maintenance of Ba'larpur to Belonia National Hlighway

240. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHAS-TRT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleaded to state:

(a) whether 'it is a fact that National vay No. 44 from Baradpur to Belo ngs] mainained;

(b) if so, what are the reasons- for maintenance;

fc) when the repairs of this highway was taken up last;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this national highway is so narrow that two ; cannot cross each other at any and

(e) if so, is there any plan to widen this Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDJSH TYTLER) : (a) to fc). Baradpur and Belonja are not situ-d oil National Highway 44. Presum-[1] v the Hon'be Member has in mind Badarpur instead of Baradpur. National Highway No. 44 from Shilong to Agar-tala via Badarpur is being maintained in a traffic worthy conditon within available funds. Belonia i$_s$ south of Agartala and the road from Agartala to Belonia is a State roaj which is the responsibility of State Government of Tripura.

(d) and (e) National Highway No. 44 is 482 Kms long, out of which 208 Km is double lane. 258 Km Intermediate lane and only 1<5 Km single lane carriageway. Improvement of this National Highway is being carried out in a phased manner subject to availability of funds.

Construction of cutvedts and bypasses on National Highways in Tamil Nadu

241. SHRI V. RAIAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the names the National Highways in Tamilnadu in respect of ^,vhich Schemes for const-ructions oi culverts, bypasses and widening of roads are under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT *HRJ* JAGDISH TYTLER): Schemesfor uction of bypasses on NH 4, 45 and 47 and widening on NH 7, 7A and 49 are onsideration during 1994-95. Whenever required as per site condi-tions, culverts are considered on any of J' i Is in the State.

Expansion of Inland Water Transport Network

242. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHER-JEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE INISPORT be pleased to state:

whai steps Government intend to take f" i i ion of Inland Water Tra-i! Network to cater the vast potential in movement of cargo by this mode;

fh) whai is the future plan of Inland r Transport Corporation in this regard;